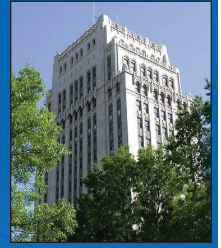




# DISTRICT ELEVEN ENLIGHTENER



## Atlanta City Council Approves 2010 Budget

*City Councilman Jim Maddox Votes AGAINST a Property Tax Increase*

The Atlanta City Council has adopted the 2010 City Budget. The new budget ends furloughs of all city personnel, including police and firefighters.

Although there was a great need to end furloughs, City Councilman Jim Maddox voted against the implementation of a 3 mill property tax increase to do so.

"After careful consideration, I felt that the increase would be an undue burden on our taxpayers in these economic times," Maddox said. "I continue to call on the Georgia General Assembly to allow the city flexibility in generating revenue, whether it's a small tax on those living outside but work in Atlanta and use our city services, or some form of revenue generating gaming that would also enhance our efforts to attract tourists downtown."

The 3-mill property tax increase (from 7.12 mills to 10.12 mills) will equate to a \$20 a month property tax increase on a home valued at \$240,000 – the average home value in Atlanta. The General Fund budget from which most city services are funded is set at \$541 million.

Atlanta's property taxes account for less than a quarter of a homeowner's total property tax bill. Of every property tax dollar collected, only 17 cents goes to the City. The remaining 83 cents support the Atlanta Public School System, Fulton County and the State of Georgia, City Bonds and Parks.

Atlanta has not been immune to the national recession. As businesses rake in fewer profits, they pay fewer tax revenues. In fact, sales taxes are down by 10 percent in the City. In addition, few financial forecasters saw the collapse of the mortgage industry which is hurting cities across the nation.

## Greenbriar Mall Selects The 2009 Jim Maddox Scholars



Greenbriar Mall announced the three winners of The Jim Maddox Scholarship Program for the 2009 – 2010 academic year. Each student was awarded \$2,000 in scholarship money to attend a college or university within the 20-county metro Atlanta area or supported by the state of Georgia.

The scholarship is named for Atlanta City Councilman Jim Maddox who continues to make commendable contributions to the community and to Atlanta's youth. For 22 years, the program has awarded high school seniors with scholarships – totaling over \$150,000.

The scholarships were awarded to Cheryl Dixon of Westlake High, Adriana Gerena of Creekside High, and Brittany Vadale Sapp of South Atlanta High.

Selection criteria for the 2009 scholarship recipients were based on writing skills, academic achievements, and community involvement. An awards banquet was held for this year's recipients on May 20th at the Piccadilly Cafeteria at Greenbriar Mall. "These are some of the brightest minds in our city," said Maddox. "It's an honor to be able to assist these young people in furthering their education. They are indeed our future leaders."

For more information on the Jim Maddox Scholarship Program, please contact Gwendolyn Motley, Marketing Director for Greenbriar Mall at 404-344-6611 ext. 304.



Chief Adetunji Tunde of the Africa Heritage Foundation presents the Africa Heritage Evergreen Award to City Councilman Jim Maddox on July 6, 2009 for promoting and sustaining African heritage in Atlanta.



M. Philippe Ardanaz, Consul General of France, speaks before the Atlanta City Council as Councilman Jim Maddox presents a proclamation in honor of the France National Holiday - Bastille Day, which was celebrated on July 14, 2009.

## Getting The Results You Deserve

In recent months City Councilman Jim Maddox has sponsored and co-sponsored several legislative items that affect you including:

- A resolution directing the city's chief financial officer and city attorney to conduct an in-depth feasibility study regarding assessing fees for services the City of Atlanta currently provides for free at sports venues in the city, including police, fire and sanitation services.
- An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, to negotiate for and purchase approximately 21.61 acres located on James Jackson Parkway (also known as the Braden Property), from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the purpose of expanding the existing Chattahoochee River Trail Corridor.
- An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to negotiate for and purchase approximately 3.63 acres, located at 3880 Campbellton Road (The Ben Hill Park Expansion) from The Conservation Fund (TCF) for the purpose of expanding Ben Hill Park.
- An ordinance adding to anticipations and appropriations in the amount of \$3,988,317 under the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the purpose of rehabilitating foreclosed properties in the City of Atlanta.
- An ordinance adding to anticipations and appropriations in the amount of \$12,316,082 under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); to fund various positions created under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
- An ordinance authorizing the City of Atlanta to apply for additional grants in conjunction with the Federal Economic Stimulus Package.
- A resolution supporting the proposed lottery-tied, destination gaming facility at Underground Atlanta recently presented to the Georgia Lottery Board and establishing the intent to create an advisory committee for City and community participation.
- A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation of one Utility Huey Helicopter valued at \$948,158.00 from the United States Military for use by the Atlanta Police Department for public safety operations.

For a complete list of legislative items visit <http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/captions/>



## COMPUTERS FOR YOUTH

Councilman Jim Maddox has announced his support of the efforts of the 'Computers for Youth' program, a New York-based effort that has now expanded to Atlanta. The program's fundamental belief is that home-based educational resources are one of the greatest tools to improve a child's academic life. The program also includes free family-focused training to increase parents' confidence as learning partners as well as free on-going technical support.

In the two years since its arrival in Atlanta, Computers for Youth has partnered with six Atlanta area middle schools, including Jean Childs Young Middle School and provided computers to more than 1,900 families. Nationwide, the program has

reached more than 20,000 students and parents.

Computers for Youth's work is built on the belief that the home holds the greatest untapped potential for improving children's academic and life-long success. To enhance children's home-based educational resources, the program refurbishes computers donated from corporate America and loads them with a suite of educational software selected and tested by students and education executives from around the country.

For more information on Computers for Youth, visit [www.cfy.org](http://www.cfy.org).

# We're Number One!

*District Eleven Named Best Place to Live in Atlanta*



**Kudos District 11!** According to an article published in the 'Atlanta Tribune Magazine', the Cascades neighborhood is ranked Number 1 Best Place to Live in Atlanta.

"When it comes to being ground-zero for prominence and historic prestige, few can contest the area marked by the winding, tree-lined capillaries that radiate off the main thoroughfare known as Cascade Road. For many of Atlanta's most influential blacks, the zip code 30331 and just east of it 30311 are home." Prominent residents include Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, Congressman John Lewis, baseball legend Hank Aaron and of course our own Councilman Jim Maddox. "But its relative affordability has allowed it to remain accessible – and promising. This is because of an ongoing housing boom quietly ensuing in the Cascade area."

Ranked Number 3 is District 11's Camp Creek Parkway neighborhood. Developers have invested \$125 million to build the Camp Creek Marketplace, a 1.1 million-square-foot commercial complex. Adjacent is the Camp Creek Marketplace II and Princeton Lakes complexes. New and established residential communities surround the commercial developments and continue to grow.

"The opening of Camp Creek Marketplace, easy access to interstates, the airport and downtown Atlanta, affordable land

and the revitalization of nearby East Point have helped make the Camp Creek Parkway corridor a hot development spot."

The 11TH DISTRICT a great place to live, work and play and now everyone knows it!

Atlanta TRIBUNE Magazine

December 2007/January 2008 Issue

"Welcome to the Good Life" by Kamille D. Whittaker



City Councilman Jim Maddox recently met with Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington and other elected officials in a joint public safety meeting to address the special crime and public safety challenges facing the City of Atlanta's Zone 4.

## Maddox Grand Marshall At Cascade Youth Organization Parade

For the 32nd year, City Councilman Jim Maddox has served as Grand Marshall for the Cascade Youth Organization's parade.

The parade is one of the organization's exciting annual events. This year the Councilman treated the Cascade Little League to a Limo ride at the conclusion of the parade. The children truly enjoyed the ride. Councilman Maddox also took time to speak words of encouragement and guidance to the team members.

Councilman Jim Maddox



City Councilman Jim Maddox greets soon to be President Barack Obama during his 2008 visit to Atlanta.

## City Councilman Jim Maddox Updates Residents and Commuters on Structural Status of the Fairburn Road and Adams Drive Bridges



A community resident expresses his appreciation to City Councilman Jim Maddox for his efforts to replace the Fairburn Road Bridge.

The Fairburn Road bridge has reopened to local traffic, while the Adams Drive bridge remains closed due to safety concerns.

Councilman Maddox has requested that the Atlanta Regional Commission direct some of their stimulus funds toward both the Adams and Fairburn Road bridges. He has also requested assistance with funding from U.S. Congressman John Lewis.

The Adams Drive bridge was damaged by the remnants of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It is estimated that it will cost over \$1 million to replace. The bridge has been out of commission since 2005.

time, general deterioration has occurred and parts of the timber deck planks and handrail posts suffer advanced decay.

While the City of Atlanta in conjunction with CSX Railroad began temporary repairs, Fairburn Road bridge is open to vehicles weighing under 3,000lbs (cars only). No buses, trucks or heavy duty vehicles are allowed to use the bridge.

The City estimates the cost for replacement of the Fairburn Road bridge to be approximately \$5M. Should funds be identified, the replacement process could take approximately 2-3 years for completion.

“These bridges are two examples of our nation’s aging infrastructure,” Maddox said. “These bridges serve a growing area of our city, therefore it’s imperative that we replace these structures immediately.”

## Atlanta and Ningbo, China Strengthen Ties

City Councilman Jim Maddox led a delegation of business and civic leaders in June to Ningbo, China as part of an international trade mission. The delegation represented Atlanta at various events including the 2009 China International Consumer Goods Fair and the Zhejiang Investment and Trade Symposium.

“Fostering international understanding and relationships and promoting international trade and economic development has long been a goal and aspiration of the City of Atlanta,” said Maddox, chair of the City’s Advisory Committee on International Relations.

Ningbo, also called ‘Yong’ for short, is located in the middle of the coastal line of the Chinese Mainland and enjoys one of the most developed economies in China. Ningbo, which has signed a Friendship Agreement with the City of Atlanta, is an important foreign trade harbor city with the second busiest port in China.

During the trade mission, Councilman Maddox and other Atlantans met with the Standing Committee on Ningbo People’s Congress as the two sides discussed ways of strengthening the relationships between the two fast growing international cities.



# DISTRICT 11 RESOURCE GUIDE

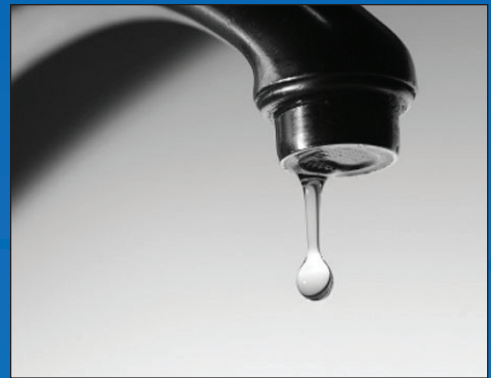
Clerk of Council	404-330-6032	Department of Public Works Herbie Curbie	404-351-0475
Department of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Conservation	404-330-6145	Pothole Hotline	404-768-4653
Bureau of Buildings	404-330-6150	Recycling	404-330-6333
Permits	404-330-6150	Solid Waste Services	404-330-6333
Department of Housing & Code Enforcement	404-330-6190	Arborist	404-330-6145
Community Housing Resource Center	404-658-1322	Traffic & Transportation	404-330-6501
		Department of Watershed Management	
Zoning Code Enforcement	404-330-6175	Drinking water/Wastewater services	404-658-6500
Report illegal mechanic shops		Mayor's Office of Constituent Services	
Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs	404-817-6788	City service requests	404-330-6023
Trees Down Hotline	404-817-6813	Municipal Court	404-865-8100
Camp Best Friends	404-817-6765	Traffic Court	404-658-6940

Zone 4 Police Precinct  
404-756-1903  
1125 Cascade Cr. S.W.

Zone 4 Mini Precinct  
404-505-3131  
3565 M.L. King Jr. Dr., S.W.

## MISCELLANEOUS CONTACTS

Atlanta/Fulton Land Bank Authority	404-525-9336
Atlanta Gas Light Emergency Hotline	770-907-4231
Atlanta Housing Authority	404-892-4700
Housing Choice	404-892-4700
Atlanta Legal Aid Society	404-521-5811
Atlanta Workforce Development	404-658-9675
Better Business Bureau	404-766-0875
Comcast	404-266-2278
Consumer Credit Counseling Service	404-527-7630
Dept. of Family & Children Services	404-224-0102
Fulton County Animal Control	404-794-0358
Fulton County Health Department	404-730-1211
Fulton County Tax Commissioner	404-730-6100
Fulton County Voter Registration	404-730-7072
Georgia Dept. of Transportation	404-656-5267
Georgia Power Customer Service	(888) 660-5890
Keep Atlanta Beautiful	404-330-6972
United Way	211 (First Call for Help)



**Do you have questions or concerns about your recent water bill? EMAIL the Watershed Management Department at [watershedhelp@atlwater.com](mailto:watershedhelp@atlwater.com) or call Customer Service at 404-658-6500.**

**If your concerns aren't addressed in a timely fashion, then I'm here to help. Call my office at 404-330-6054.**

## Do You Need Assistance with High Energy Bills?

In these challenging economic times, Georgians may need assistance paying their energy bills. The non-profit organizations and state and local agencies listed below offer a variety of programs to assist qualified individuals.

### ATLANTA GAS LIGHT

[www.aglresources.com](http://www.aglresources.com)

#### Natural Gas Education Program

Learn more about what it means to be a natural gas customer in Georgia. These educational programs can be accessed via the Atlanta Gas Light website or visit:

[www.fcs.uga.edu/ext/housing/naturalgas/](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ext/housing/naturalgas/)

### AGL'S SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Senior citizens who are 65 years of age or older and have a total annual combined household income of \$14,355 or less are eligible for up to a \$14 monthly discount on their Atlanta Gas Light Company base charge. Natural gas service must be in the customer's name to be eligible. For more information call 770-994-1946.

Regulated Provider: SCANA Energy

Natural gas marketer SCANA Energy Regulated Division provides natural gas service to low-income households and consumers who have been unable to obtain or maintain natural gas service from another natural gas marketer. Low-income consumers can purchase natural gas at a special rate regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission. To learn more or to see if you qualify, visit [www.scanaenergy.com/en/regulated-division/](http://www.scanaenergy.com/en/regulated-division/).

### SOUTHEAST ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

214 14th Street NW

Atlanta, Georgia 30318-5304

(404) 885-1877 (phone)

(404) 885-1834 (fax)

[www.southeastenergy.org](http://www.southeastenergy.org)

The mission of Southeast Energy Assistance (SEA) is to provide

direct assistance to improve the living and housing conditions of low-income families through conservation programs.

#### Care & Conserve Program Weatherization Assistance

- Repair/replacement of leaking faucets
- Repair/replacement of run-on toilets
- Installation of faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads, ultra low-flow toilets
- Payment Assistance
- Line repair or replacement
- Drain and sewer repair or replacement
- Repair/replacement of damaged windows
- Repair/replacement of damaged exterior doors
- Installation of attic/floor/wall insulation
- Furnace repair or replacement
- Installation of bath exhaust fans
- Installation of weather-stripping
- Caulking

### OTHER ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Qualified applicants should contact:

- Their local Community Action Agency, or DHR's Division of Family and Children Services at 404-657-3426 or 404-657-3427 in Metro Atlanta or at 1-800-869-1150 outside Metro Atlanta

#### Other Sources of Aid

- Heating Energy Assistance Team (H.E.A.T.): Call 678-406-0212
- Project SHARE (a Salvation Army program): Call 404-873-3101 in metro Atlanta or 1-800-257-4273 or visit their website at [www.salvationarmy-georgia.org](http://www.salvationarmy-georgia.org)

## City Councilman Jim Maddox Welcomes Actor Ben Vereen to Atlanta City Hall

City Councilman Jim Maddox, Chair of the Community Development/ Human Resources Committee, greeted Tony Award-winning actor Ben Vereen at Atlanta City Hall in recognition of his U.S. tour promoting diabetes awareness.

It is estimated that nearly 24 million Americans have diabetes including more than 51,000 residents in Atlanta. In recognition of this public health problem, the Atlanta City Council proclaimed Tuesday, May 12, 2009 as Diabetes Awareness Day.



# Elected Officials Contact Directory

The Atlanta City Council makes the laws that govern the City. The Council is responsible for the development of policies, which serve as operational standards, and establish the parameters for the administration of city government.

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Main Operator	404-730-4000
Emergency Medical Services	404-730-5600
Sheriff Theodore "Ted" Jackson	404-612-5100
Tax Commissioner	404-730-6100
Fulton County Board Assessors	404-730-6400
Burt Manning, Chief Appraiser	404-612-6434
John H. Eaves, Commission Chair	404-730-8206
Commissioner Emma Darnell, District 5	404-730-8222
Commissioner Rob Pitts, District 2 (At large)	404-730-8210
Commissioner Bill Edwards, District 7	404-730-8230

## STATE OF GEORGIA

Governor Sonny Perdue	404-656-1776
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle	404-656-5030

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Kasim Reed, District 35	404-463-1379

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Bob Holmes, District 61	404-656-0116
Tyrone Brooks, District 63	404-656-6372

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Senator Saxby Chambliss	202-224-3521
Senator Johnny Isakson	202-224-3643
Congressman John Lewis, District 5	404-659-0116

## THE CAMPBELLTON ROAD TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT

The vision for the Campbellton Road TAD is to create a major financial incentive that would support creation of an effective public-private partnership to facilitate the resurgence of the area by encouraging new substantial private commercial investment. The Campbellton Road TAD will help establish the framework for new redevelopment opportunities and investment covering a major arterial linking downtown to the neighborhoods in the southwest area of the City and provide an important economic incentive to enhance the market competitiveness of a large area in southwestern Atlanta. The Campbellton Road TAD was established with the goal of spurring private redevelopment activity in the five sub-areas including Greenbriar Mall, Ft. McPherson, and areas to the west in much the same way existing TADs have attracted projects and promoted significant growth and redevelopment in other parts of the City. The proposed TAD incentives will help this key southwest corridor compete aggressively for new development opportunities that might otherwise locate outside of the district.

The Campbellton Road TAD is designed to stimulate the creation of a vibrant Corridor extending from Ft. McPherson at the east to the Ben Hill neighborhood on the west side of I-285. The creation of the Corridor, as an integrated commercial core for the community, is envisioned with the redevelopment of the following five key sub-areas:

- Ft. McPherson Village
- DeLowe Village

- Harbin Road
- Greenbriar Mall
- Ben Hill Village

Eligible developments will:

- Attract new private capital investment to property located in an area that historically has been underserved
- Create jobs in the professional, business and service industries with substantial new office, research and development and retail development
- Create new shopping, recreation and entertainment opportunities
- Create improved pedestrian access to shopping, employment and regional transportation
- Establish neighborhood gathering places
- Attract new customers for existing local businesses
- Utilize brownfield and vacant/underutilized properties
- Encourage preservation of natural resources

The Atlanta Development Authority's Tax Allocation District Department is preparing the program infrastructure that will allow the receipt of developer applications in early 2010. Prior to the application period, it is envisioned that the ADA will conduct developer and community stakeholder tours in addition to making preparatory NPU visits. For additional information, please contact Wyman Winston at (404) 614-8307 or at [wwinston@atlantada.com](mailto:wwinston@atlantada.com).

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